

Toronto Anarchist Black Cross

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HOWDY FRIENDS! Laws are created to protect property, corporate theft, and to control and punish peoples, usually poor and minority peoples. To imprison someone for a violent attack against another person, doesn't stop that attack from taking place. At best the

person is imprisoned only to learn more hate and more aggression, to return to society only to violently attack once more. Rehabilitation is a lie. Nor does imprisonment deter others from becoming more violent. Police certainly do not "serve and protect" you. They only reinforce the power of the State, to try and control people through repression.

The penal (punishment) institutions do not serve any type of justice. Corporations are free to destroy our natural environment, we can very possibly die from this destruction soon. Police are free to beat, rape and murder peoples, (as well as incarcerate) because **they are the law**. Money talks, and people die all throughout this world and time. We do not have control of our own lives.

The way in which justice and freedom will occur is when people take responsibility for their own lives and actions. We must **PROTECT THE EARTH, AND OURSELVES!** We must organize ourselves in non-authoritarian co-operative ways, and be responsible.

To live without harming life is what we must seek to attain, or we *will* die. But we must also defend ourselves from those who violently attack us, and destroy the Earth. We need to increase the spaces for freedom. And we can do this by aiding our brothers and sisters who struggle inside of prisons. We cannot let their voices be silenced by prison walls. By corresponding with prisoners, producing information on their situations, and building a solidarity network to act quickly and efficiently is *essential*. Please help to make this work effective.



The following is a list of groups and people that we've compiled in order to make communication on what is happening to prisoners, and how we can help, more effectively. It consists of people who will *move* on situations of prisoners. This means that they are the most likely people that we know who have great concern for prisoners, and will spread the information fast, send letters or petitions quickly, make phone calls to the support groups and the authorities, as well as sending in money for defence, and organizing demonstrations. Whatever you can do, please do *something*. There is a great lack of prisoner solidarity work being done, and this seems to imply that either people don't know what prisons are like,

or they cannot ever imagine themselves being prisoners. Believe this, there are a great many good people behind prison walls for merely defending themselves. There are also many people who have done nothing at all! Many prisoners cannot afford a lawyer, or even have people to correspond with. Without more communication on these matters the pigs can torture, deny food, lock you in solitary confinement forever, or kill you, and *nobody* will even know who you are. We must make a stink. Please use this list to aid in your own prisoner solidarity work, and pass on addresses of people who will move to help those on the inside.

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CANADIAN ALLIANCE IN SOLIDARITY WITH NATIVE PEOPLES (CASNP)

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Toronto, Ontario
M5R 2S7

LIBRAIRIE ALTERNATIVE

2035 Boul. St. Laurent
Montreal, PQ
H2X 2T3

VULTER/NEMESIS

C.P., Stn. Place D'Armes
Montreal, PQ
H2Y 3E9

QUEER ANARCHIST NETWORK PRISONER SOLIDARITY

P.O. Box 6705, Stn. A
Toronto, Ont.
M5W 1X5

BULLDOZER

P.O. Box 5052, Stn. A
Toronto, Ont.
M5W 1W4
(the only vehicle for
prison reform)

PHOENIX RISING

P.O. Box 7251, Stn. A
Toronto, Ont.
M5W 1X9
(a magazine for psychiatric
inmates liberation)

SHAUN WOODS

P.O. Box 15642
Vancouver, B.C.
V6B 5B4

OPEN ROAD

P.O. Box 6135, stn. G
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And now even more than before...

At the risk of sounding repetitive, **KEEP IT SHUT**. Whether you're serious about doing some sort of "illegal" act or just kidding, don't talk about it **at all**, this can lead to imprisonment if they decide your time has come. Even if you don't think they've bugged you, it's better to be cautious and out of prison than careless and doing time.

Wiretap evidence can hold up in court, so don't kid yourself. Our laws include such things as "conspiracy" charges which seem to be increasingly popular with the courts these days. There's almost no way of knowing if you're being bugged or not, but considering the massive number of wiretaps authorized by the Canadian courts (more per capita than the USA!) it makes sense to play it safe.

Keeping your plan to the least amount of people as possible (ie only those who are absolutely necessary to that particular action) will lower the risk, also it is wise to write your plans and conversations down (instead of talking), let your partners read it, and then burn it **right away**. The cops have been known to search though garbage so burning is the best method, also it may help to crumble the remains or flush them because they can still be read if they're in large pieces. **Don't boast** about past actions to anyone, even people you think you can trust, no matter how small the action or how close the person. You will only be endangering yourself and your partners needlessly.

Learning to be cautious is absolutely essential. It is important **not** to talk about anything that could connect you to actions; this includes many things which may not be seen as directly connected, like talking about 'what should be done', how to do things, or anything about particular businesses you are going to hit (or already have). Although these probably won't be enough to convict you yet, they can put the cops on your tail.

And while we're on the topic, some people are still saying that direct action is absurd because it won't achieve lasting peace. While it is true that fucking up some machinery or bricking a window probably won't build lasting peace, I don't think that's the point in the first place. These kinds of actions are by no means a perfect solution or an entire movement in and of themselves, they're a way of slowing down this society before our earth is completely destroyed. Real revolution takes a *very* long time; direct action is an attempt to increase the time available to us by making murder and rape an un-manageable and unprofitable business* by consistently biting into profits (through sabotage or destruction of expensive property) or by simply shutting their business down (by making the tools of the trade or the workplace inoperable or inaccessible). There is obviously a long way to go before businesses are so fucked up they have to close, but that's only because not enough people are engaged in this kind of action (hint, hint)

Direct action is by no means the be-all and end-all of our movement, but neither is magazine publishing or co-operative living. We could all save ourselves alot of breath and alot of paper by learning to accept that we all work in different ways but we're working towards the same goals. If you don't like the way someone else works, do things your own way and let them do things their way, and remember that together we make a movement.

Have a nice day!

*Direct action can also be an immediate solution to alleviate the suffering of animals or other life undergoing sadistic torture. It can and does work.



THE TORONTO BLACK CROSS...

The Toronto Anarchist Black Cross was formed in response to a call for international support of Anarchist prisoner **Katsuhisa Omori**. He is still on death row in Japan for a bombing that he never did. He has been framed by the Japanese State with a complete lack of evidence. We responded on August 11th, 1986, with a demonstration at the Japanese consulate. Although our numbers were small (around 25 people), the pigs were totally freaked out, and the consulate was closed for the day. We were out numbered by the police who decided to come, and there was at least 4 police photographers there, inspiring some of the demonstrators to wear masks and conceal their identity. We had handed out information on the trials of Omori, and can send information if desired.

Our next response was in support of Anarchist prisoner **Jim Trimble**, for whom we've done a pamphlet as well as the enclosed information. Also see the enclosed poster about the up coming protest that we have organized. Please help Jim out by donating money to his defence fund. Jim cannot afford a lawyer, so we are going to try and do as much as possible to get him one. If everyone who gets this sends us \$5, (this is *not* a lot to ask) then Jim may be on his way out, with everyone's help. If you can help out in this way please make out your cheque or money order to "Reality Now" as this is the only way we could cash it. Make sure to specify that the money is intended to go to Jim Trimble.

Most recently we began work on the case of Anarchist prisoner, **Avi Naftel**. Avi is serving a 25-year sentence on a first conviction, for the "aggravated assault" and "kidnapping", in which no violence was involved, of a police officer ; in self-defense. He is doing time in Arizona State Penitentiary under conditions of solitary confinement, involving social and sensual deprivation, as well as the violation of forced rectal searches. Avi Naftel is a citizen of the U.K. If transferred there, under the Transfer Treaty, he has a good chance of being paroled within a year. Avi has already done 5 of 25 years. His application for transfer is being blocked by prison officials in Arizona. Please show support and demand his move closer to freedom. Write, demanding Avi's transfer, to :

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1601 West Jefferson
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Governor Evan
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You can write to us for more information on Avi Naftel.

The magazine *Reality Now*, and the people who work around it (us), started the Toronto Anarchist Black Cross, to aid in the defense of political prisoners and POW's in North America and around the world. *Reality Now* is an anti-statist tabloid, dedicated to exposing and confronting the people and institutions who control, attack and destroy our world and our people. We focus on prisons and prisoners, Native struggles, direct action and anarchist feminist and liberation struggles worldwide.

Our magazine and A.B.C. work survives on your donations and subscriptions. You can help us out by sending \$6 (in Canada), or \$7 U.S. funds (international) for a 4 issue subscription. If you haven't seen Reality Now before, and want a sample copy then send \$2. Please get in touch, smash the State, and have a nice day.

Note: indicate if sending money, what it is being sent for, and which issue you want your subscription to start at. Please tell us if you want your address on the Black Cross list to be published in our next update, or if you would like us to send you the information but not to publish your address.

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Another important project that we do is the *Ecomedia* news reports, on CKLN 88.1 FM radio. We are currently doing 3 reports every week. And for those who live in the Toronto area please give us a listen. We're on every Wednesday and Friday between 11 and noon on the Newswave show, and at 4:00pm on Wednesday in the afternoon.

